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As a young man, he and his brother, Alva M., built and managed the first livery stable in Heber. They operated a freight line between Heber and the Uintah Basin and carried the U. S. mail between Heber and Park City, Utah.

James always was a man of industry and foresight, an ardent sportsman and a builder for his community, as well as for himself. He was known throughout the West as one of its most prominent stockmen and woolgrowers. Many people were employed in his various interests. He was civic-minded to the extent that at times he bore the expense of promoting issues he believed to be for the public good. The retaining of the Heber Light & Power Company for the community, being an example. The people of the city were about to sell the plant to the Utah Light & Power Company when he and his life-long friend, James W. Clyde, hired an electrical engineer to prove to the community what a valuable asset they possessed. The company is still owned by the city.

James played baseball, hunted and fished as hobbies, and being an ardent lover of horses, he bred and raced standard-bred horses for a time.

He held many public offices during his lifetime. He was elected sheriff in 1891, serving eight years. From 1893 to 1901 he held the position of County Fish and Game Commissioner. He was a director of the Bank of Heber City many years.

He married Dora Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Johanna Kirstine Nicol, on February 23, 1882, in the Salt Lake Endowment House. To this couple two sons and six daughters were born: Mrs. Charles E. (Josephine) Bronson, Alva Pierce, Curtis Thomas, Mrs. Thomas (Criss) Jones, Mrs. Lester D. (May) Greenwood, Mrs. Andrew J. (Hope) Mohr, Mrs. Durrel T. (Clara) Burningham, and Mrs. Eldon (Beth) Ritchie.

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was an invalid. The loving care James conferred on her and the children lives in the memory of his family and friends. She passed away on October 29, 1907.

On February 27, 1913, James married Violet McNiven, daughter of James and Lydia McNiven. She died May 25, 1933.

James was a big, genial man, a good friend and neighbor, always ready to contribute time and money to any worthy cause.

He passed away in Salt Lake City, January 12, 1936, and was buried in the family plot in Heber City Cemetery.

Wasatch Livery and Feed Stable. Built in 1892 by A. M. and James S. Murdock. Frank Carlile sitting in the buggy.

WASATCH LIVERY STABLE.

The Wasatch Livery Stable was established in 1892 by the Murdock Brothers. It was purchased by A. C. Hatch and John H. Luke in March, 1893 who, under the management of Mr. Luke, continued the business for twelve years, closing out in March, 1905, to Thomas Clotworthy and Laban Hylton. Since the death of Mr. Clotworthy, Wm. Coleman has purchased a third interest and the business now belongs to the Clotworthy estate, Hylton and Coleman with Mr. Hylton as manager.

They do a general livery, feed and sales stable business. For the livery trade they have a fine line of vehicles, consisting of buggies, carriages, wagons, cutters, sleighs, etc. Also twenty head of good, trusty and gentle horses, that are kept well groomed and ready at a moment's call.

The barn is centrally located in the business district of the city on the east side of Main street between First and Second North streets. It is a commodiously arranged building, the main barn being 30 by 92 feet long with sheds attached, and stall room for thirty-six head of horses. There is also a large yard with wagon sheds adjoining and hydrant water and hose handy.

They carry on a general transfer business carrying passengers, baggage, etc., to and from all parts of town. They meet all incoming and connect with all outgoing trains with comfortable riding and conveniently arranged transfers.

This is one of the progressive and prosperous business concerns of the city and is a great convenience to the traveling public, and the people generally. The patronage they receive and the improvements they are making in their buildings and stock from time to time, speak louder than words of the financial condition of the business.

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